

The Honorable Ricardo S. Martinez

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

FATIMA MOUJTAHID, on behalf of
herself and her minor child B.M.,
Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP &
IMMIGRATION SERVICES, *et al.*,
Defendants.

CASE NO. C18-01789-RSM

**JOINT STATUS REPORT AND
ORDER**

As the Court is aware, Plaintiffs filed the above-captioned lawsuit under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) against Defendants seeking disclosure of certain documents. Pursuant to the Court’s April 29, 2019 order, Dkt. No. 25, the parties submit this joint status report and respectfully request that the Court allow the parties to continue to work towards resolution of this matter without further judicial intervention and submit a joint status report within the next 45 days.

Since the last update to the Court, Defendant United States Citizenship & Immigration Services (“USCIS”) produced potentially responsive records to Plaintiff. Because of this production, the parties have met and conferred by telephone to discuss Plaintiff’s concerns about USCIS’s withholdings pursuant to FOIA exemptions. The parties discussed the possibility of Plaintiff obtaining releases from third parties and other

ways in which USCIS may provide information. Plaintiff is working to obtain additional releases from third parties, but has been delayed due to being displaced from the Gairson Law, LLC offices for three weeks in May and June as a result of smoke damage caused by a fire in an adjacent unit. The parties intend to follow up with each other in the near future and determine if any other documents potentially would be releasable.

If at any time in the next 45 days it becomes apparent that resolution between the parties is not feasible, the parties will submit a briefing schedule to the Court.

For good cause shown, the parties propose a joint status report to be filed on or before August 12, 2019.

DATED this 28th day of June, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

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ORDER

It is hereby ORDERED that:

For good cause shown, the parties shall file a joint status report on or before August 12, 2019.

Dated this 2 day of July 2019.



RICARDO S. MARTINEZ
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE